

What's new at Shanna Schmidt Numismatics Inc.

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Newsletter #45:

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Hello everyone! I'm writing this email in between bidding on lots in the Obolos auction which is currently in the process of closing. Can I say that our auction house friends need to do a better job of coordinating their closing times?! For example tomorrow we have three web auctions closing (Naumann, Naville AND Leu, the last of which had technical issues so is closing their auction tomorrow). It makes for a hectic time and frankly this is when passing off your bids to a person like me might make sense. A lot of people ask me how I can bid for numerous people in a live auction while chatting online with customers at the same time. Recently in Switzerland I was bidding on the floor at NAC and phone bidding for a lot in the high five figures down the street at the Sincona auction. What I really want to say is that I'm worth your consideration for representation!

In any case, here is what is coming up this week:

Künker ELive Auction 47 (Osnabrück, ancient section Dec 5)

Künker has a pretty large e-sale with 2,372 lots. The ancient coins are being auctioned the first day. There are some interesting pedigrees to be found within the sale (ex Haeberlin among them). It might be worth checking out if you want to find some pedigreed material.

Morton & Eden Auction 91 (London, Dec 7-8)

M&E has a very interesting auction coming up that I noticed more for British hammered than ancients. At the beginning of the auction there is a lovely collection of English hammered from the Archbishop Sharp Collection. If you like English hammered coins (which I do!) than you should check out this auction. There are 793 lots (the Archbishop Sharp collection is 312 coins) in this two days sale.

Lanz Auction 165 (Munich, Dec 8)

I still have catalogs that I can send out if you want to have a paper version. This auction has 456 lots. The back end of the catalog is Pilgrimage medals. I've noticed these interesting pieces before in previous Lanz auctions. There are of course many nice ancient coins on offer as well. I plan to participate in the auction so please let me know if you need my help.

NAC and Sovereign Rarities - Marco Ratto Library (Milan, Dec 8)

NAC and Sovereign Rarities are teaming together to auction off the impressive and extensive library of Marco Ratto. There are 1,014 lots of numismatic titles that will be offered. Looking through the listing I am floored by the titles. It is difficult to say what the hammers will be but this auction is worth your time. Hey, if you want a fun time in Italy just before the holidays you can attend the auction but I plan to bid online. There are a lot of wonderful literature auctions coming up and this is one that is worth your time.

Savoca ESale 44 (Munich, Dec 10)

While Savoca doesn't typically have pedigreed coins they do have interesting material. This sale has 344 coins, 194 of which are Greek. Many of the coins are far from perfect but the prices are comparatively low to other auctions so it might be worth a look. Savoca can be found on Sixbid or Numisbids.

Faces of Power: Roman Gold Coins from the Victor A. Adda Collection

I've mentioned this fabulous book in a recent newsletter. I'd like to mention it again as a good book always deserves as much recognition as possible. Numismatic books are a labor of love in my opinion. Print runs are normally low and many times publishing books don't bring the writers a great deal of money. This book, published with the help of our friends at NAC reflects a remarkable situation: a prolific collector of fine Roman coins who donated his collection to the Israel Museum. The book is a companion piece to the exhibition in the Israel Museum.

If you want to have a beautiful book rich in photography and text then click the link below:

<https://www.imjshop.com/Faces-of-Power-Roman-Gold-Coins-from-the-Victor-A-Adda-Collection.aspx>

46th Annual New York International Trade Show (January 5-14, 2018) and Bourse dates (January 11-14, 2018)

My booth is 1601 at the NY International Trade Show. The new location of the show is the Grand Hyatt Hotel, located at 109 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10022, between Park and Lexington Avenues.

New Shipping Address

I have a new shipping address. Please remember to send me payments or catalogs to this new address. There is forwarding on my mail in place but eventually you should all use this address.

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Coin of the Week <http://www.shannaschmidt.com/coin-of-the-week/>

LUCANIA, Sybaris. c. 530-510 BC

AR Stater, 6.94g (29mm, 12h). Bull standing left, head right; VM in exergue / Incuse bull standing right, head left.

Price: \$3,250

Sybaris was an Achaean colony located on the southern coast of Italy on the gulf of Tarentum. The colony was among the first in the Greek mainland to strike their own coinage. The lovely incuse coinage of Bruttium and Lucania had a marked stylistic difference from that of its neighbor Athens. The reverse, an incuse and artistic in style, was especially creative in a time when incuse types could be rather crude. The thin silver discs of metal were also far different than that of the other coins being struck around the Greek world in the 6th century BC.

Sybaris has become a modern definition of luxury and relaxation. To be sure, ancient Sybaris was known for its wealth and luxury of its inhabitants. One of their neighbors, Croton, destroyed Sybaris twice (in 510 and 488 BC). This coin was struck during its most prosperous period.

References: HN Italy 1729; SNG ANS 828-44

Grade: Near EF

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If you are interested in this coin please email shanna@shannaschmidt.com

If you are interested in any other coins I have available please visit my website
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Until next week!
Shanna

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